

rising—over \$8,000 a year at many public universities and over \$20,000 at many private colleges—the American dream is too often an impossible dream for many families.

Let's hold the line against even one cent of Republican cuts in college aid. How dare anyone offer a Contract with America that professes allegiance to the middle class, but that would slam college doors in the face of their children. Basic values are at stake. Let's strengthen the Department of Education not abolish it. Let's oppose and defeat education cuts that would be nothing more than federal aid for ignorance.

Finally, a top priority for this Congress is reform of the lobbying and campaign finance laws. No change will do more to strengthen our American community and make greater progress possible on every other issue than breaking the stranglehold of special interest groups and restoring government that truly represents "We the People."

We must end the power of special interest money and political action committees, and take elections off the auction block. We must make lobbyists disclose what they're doing in the back rooms to subvert the public interest. It is time to end the lavish gifts, meals, entertainment and expensive trips paid for by special interests.

A sunshine law for lobbyists will pay a dividend to you in the press as well, because it will enable you to expose what really happens in the ongoing battles between the special interests and the public interest.

These are major items on a Democratic agenda for recovery in 1995. But in a larger sense, they are at the heart of a constructive and needed American agenda to restore the sense of family and community, of caring for one another, and of building a brighter future that will once again reflect this nation at its best.

In all this, we must understand that sometimes the task of a great political party is to face the tide—not just ride with it—and to turn it again in the direction of our deepest convictions. We will lose our way—and our elections—if we abandon our principles and drift with the shifting politics of the moment.

Let's renew our cause as Democrats. Let's hold our standard high and advance it proudly. Let's be who we are, and not pretend to be something else. And if we do, we will have a strong and winning case to take to the American people in this new Congress and in all the years ahead. The Republican majority will be a transient one, and Democrats will be proud to be Democrats again.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which were referred to the appropriate Committee on the Foreign Relations.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVALS

A message from the President of the United States announced that he had

signed the following bills and joint resolutions on the dates indicated:

February 22, 1994:

S.J. Res. 119. Joint resolution to designate the month of March 1994 as "Irish-American Heritage Month."

March 17, 1994:

S. 1789. An act to amend title 23, United States Code, to permit the use of funds under the highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation program for seismic retrofit of bridges, and for other purposes.

March 24, 1994:

S.J. Res. 56. Joint resolution to designate the week beginning April 11, 1994, as "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week."

S.J. Res. 162. Joint resolution designating March 25, 1994, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

S.J. Res. 163. Joint resolution to proclaim March 20, 1994, as "National Agriculture Day."

S.J. Res. 171. Joint resolution to designate March 20 through March 26, 1994, as "Small Family Farm Week."

March 25, 1994:

S. 1926. An act to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to modify the requirements relating to monthly reporting and staggered issuance of coupons for households residing on Indian reservations, to ensure adequate access to retail food stores by food stamp households, and to maintain the integrity of the food stamp program, and for other purposes.

April 6, 1994:

S. 1284. An act to amend the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to modify certain provisions relating to programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, Federal assistance for priority area activities for individuals with developmental disabilities, protection and advocacy of individual rights, university affiliated programs, and projects of national significance, and for other purposes.

S. 1913. An act to extend certain compliance dates for pesticide safety training and labeling requirements.

April 11, 1994:

S. 476. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1299. An act to amend section 203 of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978 to provide for the disposition of multifamily properties owned by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to provide for other reforms in programs administered by the Secretary, and to make certain technical amendments and for other purposes.

April 14, 1994:

S. 1206. An act to redesignate the Federal building at 380 Trapelo Road in Waltham, Massachusetts, as the "Frederick C. Murphy Federal Center."

April 28, 1994:

S. 2004. An act to extend until July 1, 1998, the exemption from ineligibility based on a high default rate for certain institutions of higher education.

April 30, 1994:

S. 1636. An act to authorize appropriations for the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and to improve the program to reduce the incidental taking of marine mammals during the course of commercial fishing operations, and for other purposes.

May 4, 1994:

S. 375. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating a segment of the Rio Grande in New Mexico as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

S. 1574. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 143. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Frank Anderson Shrontz as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 144. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Manuel Luis Ibanez as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 150. Joint resolution to designate the week of May 2 through May 8, 1994, as "Public Service Recognition Week."

May 6, 1994:

S. 2005. An act to make certain technical corrections, and for other purposes.

May 11, 1994:

S. 1930. An act to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve the administration of claims and obligations of the Farmers Home Administration, and for other purposes.

May 16, 1994:

S.J. Res. 146. Joint resolution designating May 1, 1994, through May 7, 1994, as "National Walking Week."

May 18, 1994:

S. 2000. An act to authorize appropriations to carry out the Head Start Act, the Community Services Block Grant Act, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and for other purposes.

May 19, 1994:

S. 341. An act to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and Eagle and Pitkin Counties in Colorado, and for other purposes.

May 25, 1994:

S.J. Res. 168. Joint resolution designating May 11, 1994, as "Vietnam Human Rights Day."

May 26, 1994:

S. 636. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to assure freedom of access to reproductive services.

S. 2024. An act to provide temporary obligational authority for the airport improvement program and to provide for certain airport fees to be maintained at existing levels for up to 60 days, and for other purposes.

S. 2087. An act to extend the time period for compliance with the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 for certain products packaged prior to August 8, 1994.

May 31, 1994:

S. 1654. An act to make certain technical corrections.

S.J. Res. 179. Joint resolution to designate the week of June 12 through 19, 1994, as "National Men's Health Week."

June 30, 1994:

S. 24. An act to reauthorize the independent counsel law for an additional 5 years, and for other purposes.

July 1, 1994:

S. 1904. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the organization and procedures of the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

July 20, 1994:

S.J. Res. 187. Joint resolution designating July 16 through July 24, 1994, as "National Apollo Anniversary Observance."

July 22, 1994:

S. 273. An act to remove certain restrictions from a parcel of land owned by the city of North Charleston, South Carolina, in order to permit a land exchange, and for other purposes.

S. 1402. An act to convey a certain parcel of public land to the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, for use as a landfill, and for other purposes.

August 1, 1994:

S. 537. An act for the relief of Tania Gil Compton.